

Article - Health - General

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§20–306.

- (a) The health officer for each county:
 - (1) May investigate any suspected nuisance; and
 - (2) Shall investigate and report on the sanitary conditions of schools, places of business, and places of employment in the county.
- (b) (1) If the health officer finds that a nuisance exists, the health officer shall serve a written notice to the person who is causing the nuisance, ordering the person to abate the nuisance within a time specified in the notice.
 - (2) The notice shall be served:
 - (i) On the person who is causing the nuisance; or
 - (ii) If the person who is causing the nuisance cannot be found, on the owner or occupant of the property where the nuisance exists.
- (c) Failure to comply with the requirements of a notice served under this section is a violation of this subtitle.
- (d) If a question arises between health officers as to the jurisdiction or duties of a health officer in the abatement of a nuisance, the question shall be referred to the Secretary for resolution.
- (e) (1) A health officer may file a complaint in the circuit court for the county where the nuisance exists if:
 - (i) The person served with the notice under this section fails to comply with the requirements of the notice; or
 - (ii) Although the person served with a notice under this section complies with the requirements of the notice, the nuisance is likely to recur on the same property.
- (2) A complaint filed under this subsection may seek a court order requiring the individual served with a notice under subsection (b) of this section to:

abatement notice;

- (i) Comply with the requirements of the health officer's

- (ii) Abate the nuisance within a specified time;

- (iii) Prevent the nuisance from recurring; or

- (iv) Pay a fine of not more than \$1,000.

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